



View across Tamavua.

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming  
**CASE:** [GSAF 1931.07.28.R](#)  
**DATE:** Reported July 28, 1931  
**LOCATION:** Tamavua River, Viti Levu, Fiji

## YOUNG SHARKS ATTACK AN INDIAN.

SUVA, July 28.

Narnak, a Punjabee, was the servant of Mr A. H. Martin, who has a property on the Tamavua River, and is the Fiji ornithologist. When a duck of value got loose, Narnak went out in pursuit, and foolishly followed it into the water. The place is noted for sharks and is alongside the slaughter yards. A Fijian girl, seeing the Indian's purpose, shrieked to him to "beware sharks," but he swam into the river, and at once was attacked by what is believed to have been a school of young sharks. Narnak had a terrifying experience, but reached the bank. He was in a state of collapse, and was covered with bites, some deep, showing that the teeth had taken out bits of flesh as with pincers. He is now recovering.

**NAME:** Narnak  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a "Punjabee", a servant of Mr. Martin.

### BACKGROUND

**ENVIRONMENT:** The accident took place "alongside the slaughter yards".

**NARRATIVE:** Attempting to retrieve a duck that had gotten loose.

**INJURY:** See press clipping

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

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